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SUBJ: FURTHER REACTION TO AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE'S SFRC APPEARANCE

1. THE COVERAGE OF THE CONTROVERSY IN GREECE SURROUNDING
AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE'S ALLEGED REMARKS TO THE SFRC LAST
WEEK HAS SUBSIDE NOTICEABLY. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF
LIBERAL, OPPOSITION TO VIMA AND ITS AFTERNOON LEFTIST
SISTER TA NEA, THE PLAY IS GENERALLY GIVEN SECONDARY
TREATMENT. MOST NEWSPAPERS REPORT SIMPLY THAT THE GOG
HAS RECEIVED THE TEXT OF THE AMBASSADOR'S TESTIMONY, IS
STUDYING IT BUT AS YET HAS NO OFFICIAL COMMENT.

2. TO VIMA, SECONDED BY TA NEA, IN AN EFSTATHIADIS STORY
FROM NEW YORK, CONTENDS THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS
DOCTORED IN PARTS THE TEXT (WHICH EFSTATHIADIS CLAIMS
IS CIRCULATING IN THE CONGRESS) SO AS TO MAKE IT MORE
ACCEPTABLE, BUT DID NOT DARE TO ALTER THE PART REFERRING
TO THE AEGEAN. ON THE OTHER HAND, PRO-GOVERNMENT ACROPOLIS
THIS MORNING (JULY 19) ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE GOG HAS AN
"AUTHENTIC" TEXT AND IS "SATISFIED," AN APPROACH FULLY
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SUPPORTED BY AFTERNOON PRO-GOVERNMENT APOGEVMATINI. A
SECOND PRO-GOVERNMENT DAILY, VRADYNI HAS ENTIRELY DROPPED
THE STORY.

3. EDITORIALY, TO VIMA STRESSES THAT THERE IS NO NEED
TO SIGN THE U-GREEK AGREEMENT ON THE BASES SINCE WHAT
AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE SAID IS INDICATIVE OF TRUE US POLICY

AND REFLECTS THE HIDDEN NATO MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY.
THE COMMUNIST PRESS ATTACKED APOGEVMATINI AND VRADYNI
FOR THEIR RECENT ATTEMPTS TO PUT THE BEST POSSIBLE FACE ON
THE SCHAUFLE TESTIMONY. ULTR-CONSERVATIVE ESTIA,
ON THE OTHER HAND, CRITICIZES THE GOG FOR ITS SECRETIVE
AND UNFORCEFUL HANDLING OF THE MATTER.
FINALLY, IN BARBED POLITICAL GOSSIP COLUMN, LEFTIST ELEFTHERTOTYPIA
MAKES THE AFRICAN CONNECTION BETWEEN AMBASSADOR
SCHAUFLE AND RECENTLY ARRIVED CONSUL GENERAL DAN ZACHARY
IN THESSALONIKI, WRITING THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT LEADERS,
LOOKING AT THE MEDITERRANEAN FROM THE WRONG SIDE OF THE MAP,
MISPLACED GREECE SOMEWHERE IN AFRICA.
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